

The Great Conspiracy—Pen Portrait of the Leaders

A prodigious effort has been made to turn Virginia and Maryland into the recesses of the South. Floyd, who gave up the dice-box for the sake of the War Department and camouflaged bells into the Cabinet, had his creatures where in those States squalored to doubt the money of which he had robbed the Treasury.

ing on the scheme in both States. Maryland the pressure was most violent—for the whole of the District of Columbia, as it exists, is situated in Maryland. If they have forced that sturdy friend of the Governor Hicks to call a Convention—what to him and Providence that could not—the Convention, by the same process would have hundreded and hundreds more to their

different course from the other siding. No man out of Bedlam certainly. The hour the order of the sergeant was pronounced men would have been on their such adventures as would be found in Maryland with Governor's Agents from Virginia to the Cape of Good Hope.

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into their hands all the symbols of Execu
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South Carolina and Florida. We so
sume what we give. Now that the Federal
Government is dissolved we take the lan

If there is anybody who loves what I would have them do - supposing it possible, if there is anybody who never there were no extension, he must take carefully arranged position for himself.

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symptoms after a short time all the
eral property that the we all their
would hesitate up in what I must report
to them and what was in fact essential to
final success.

money necessary to execute this plot was doubtful, to come from the thirty millions of dollars which Shidell of Louisiana labored for two years to obtain from Congress for administration of a naval service fund. He had desperate principles, a venturesome gambler of the El Al stamp, fitted in scheme but his firm was of the less economic value, and he was the loser.

vented the scheme of robbing the Treasury
under of his acceptance, as they are called
a scheme by which millions were distributed
among the agents of the conspiracy
North, meantime was stripped of arms
munitions of war they were conveyed by F
order to the South where they could be
easy reach of the revolted states and every

It is one of the wildest conspiracy theories connected with this subject that such men as those who have led the disunion movement at St. Louis have proceeded so far with it. Such men as Shedd and Benjamin F. Joy and others

—men who come reeking from the haunts of vice into the high places of power have led the Union to the brink of that gulf on which sinners and from which we yet hope to reemerge in sorrow and shame.

A CHINESE WIZARD — *Extraordinary Flying Feats* — A correspondent of the La

He first of all spoke for about five minutes with all the politeness of Charles Mathews, contentedly saying nothing witty for the purpose of being liked. In the middle of his tirade, however, he was seized with a choking, and after an effort to get some

boo, like a Lish in toothpick then he en-
dowed them with a new life, then he
his eyes, until he completed the number of
ly seven, by making one appear half way
of each circle at the same time, and then
the lot on the ground for many to examine.
He next took three glass balls about an inch
diameter and placing them singly be-

lowed first a red one, then a blue and last
all a white one. There was a little inter-
toothpicks and talking, after which he w
gravely round to a ring stopping four ti
each time he gave himself a shake and a
when the balls were distinctly heard to
inside him.

On completing his round after several e

the same order he had swallowed them—the first, the white list. He then took two pills, one of polished steel about the size of a pea and not of glass like the same. These he first let fall on the ground so that they were well tempered then between his lips, swallowed them like the smaller one with difficulty, the ball swelling the throat.

ing, while he prepared two swords, about
inch wide and twenty long, very like polo
bobs iron clashed them together to show
they were real, and passed both down his t
ut once, until they struck the balls with a
dible click, withdrawing these, he placed
han is behind him, and after several appa
painful trials each ball rose in the throat

HALF AN ACRE OF GROUND ON FIRE
editor of the Attica (Ind.) Ledger was in-
formed a few days since of a curious case of
spontaneous combustion, about two miles south
of Perryville in that State. The editor
states: "About half an acre of ground is on fire.

The earth is composed mostly of a kind of
in which the heat has found crevices, and
smoke may be seen issuing from the southern
east furnace at a distance of two miles. But
most singular feature of this natural lake
is its beautiful covering of green grass, and
this in the cheerless field of snow surrounding
Carle attempted to eat the grass, but find

the earth rather warm, scrambled over, and it growing greenly in its hot-bed. Our foot struck the ground with a rail, and there came up thickly. A sound issues from the like the distant rumbling of railway cars. The place was formerly a low, swampy peat-land.¹

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